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GEORGE WILLIAMSON BALLOCH PAPERS

Collection 3-1

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Scope Note

General George W. Balloch was a member of the Board of Trustees of Howard University and served as the first Treasurer of the Board of Trustees from 1867 to 1872.

General Balloch was also Chief Disbursing Officer of the Freedmen's Bureau from 1865 to 1871.

The George W. Balloch papers were acquired as a gift from Mr. Stanley Balloch Safford in 1965. The papers span « linear foot and cover the period 1865 to 1902.

Included in the papers, are letters, photographs, printed material, and financial papers of Howard University. Of special significance, to the collection is a holographic account book pertaining to Howard University and the Freedmen's Bureau from 1867 to 1872.

Biographical Sketch

1825 Dec. 3	Born in West Claremont, New Hampshire the son of George Williamson and Amanda (West) Balloch.
1844-1847	Attended Norwich University in Vermont
1849	Married Martha J. Palmer
1856-58	Town Clerk of Sommerworth, New Hampshire
1858	The first Police Justice of Somerworth, New Hampshire.
1861	Appointed First Lieutenant Company D under General Oliver Otis Howard.
1865	Appointed Colonel and Inspector of Subsistence and assigned to Freedmen's Bureau.
1865	Received honorary A.M. from Norwich University.
1865-1871	Served as Chief Disbursing Officer of the Freedmen's Bureau
1868	Mustered out of service as Captain and Community of Subsistence, having been brevetted successively Major, Lieutenant Colonel, Colonel and Brigadier General of Volunteers.
1868-1871	Served as Superintendent of Streets for Washington, D.C.
1867-1872	Served as the first treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Howard University.
1867-1902	Served on the Board of Trustees of Howard University.

Series Description

Series A Box 3-1	Correspondence Letters between Balloch and Oliver Otis Howard.
Series B Box 3-1	Howard University Financial Papers Account book pertaining to Howard University and the Freedmen's Bureau dated from 1867 to 1872, canceled checks, data on Howard University real estate which is a description of property.
Series C Box 3-1	Photographs A picture of "King Hall" near General Balloch's estate and a picture of Oliver Otis Howard, E. Whittlesey, and G.W. Balloch entitled three living veterans of the Civil War.
Series D Box 3-1	Printed Materials A pamphlet of printed remarks by Jeremiah Rankin delivered at Mrs. Balloch's funeral, a menu dated 1891 with General Balloch's signature on the back, a printed poem by General Balloch.

Container List

Series A: Correspondence

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Series B: Howard University-Financial Papers

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